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## CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY 8th CONGRESS

- I. The Chinese Communist Party's 8th Congress, its first since 1945, opened in Peiping on 15 September and will probably close next week.
- II. The Congress has thusfar given little attention to the Taiwan question.

  The major policy address, by Communist China's No. 2 man, Liu Shao-chi, while repeating past statements of the regime's intent to use force if

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necessary, emphasized the theme of "peaceful liberation".

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